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SOURCE:

1. The strike at the Fraureuth Ball Bearing Factory caused a sharp drop in production. The strike was not ended until Soviet troops surrounded the factory, and prevented everyone from leaving under threat of opening fire. Twenty-three workers were arrested. Orders have been given that the lost production must be made up by two hours of overtime daily. High-speed bearings of the type 6207, 6307 and 6310 are now being produced, as well as types 160 and 161, for Soviet aircraft factories.
2. At VEB Lova Waggonbau Werdau, G 5 and G 6 cross-country cars are being produced, as well as the personnel carrier H 3 A. As there are no motors currently being delivered from IFA Zwickau,¹ only the chassis and bodies of these cars can be completed. For the order from Poland, 20 buses have been produced. Lova has also received an order for streetcars from Poland. It has not yet been decided whether they shall be produced by Lova-Bautzen or Lova-Werdau.² At a meeting of the management³ with a representative of the new State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Road Matters, it was stated that the firm was in a financial position to accept orders from the Volkspolizei only on a low priority, and must work on orders from abroad. A new state subvention was refused.

Comments:

1. VEB IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Horch and Audi are both located at Zwickau.
2. [] mentions Lova Waggonbau, Goerlitz, as building "motor-rail cars" for Warsaw suburban service.
3. Not further identified by source.

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